ROCKPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS NOVEMBER 5, 2013 5:00PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Connie Hargis, Robert Lindsey, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts and City Attorney John Hargis.

PLEDGE: The *Pledge of Allegiance* was said by all.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Robert made a motion to approve the minutes; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

WASTEWATER REPORT: Sherry gave the wastewater report (see attached). It was also discussed that she is collecting a lot of trash (in the sewer line) coming from the Spencer County Law Enforcement Center. She suspects that the inmates are flushing these items down the toilet. The Board thought it would be a good idea to talk to the Sheriff to see if he can get this problem resolved.

CURBS/GUTTERING ON SEMINARY ST: The curb and guttering has been completed on Seminary St. E & B Paving will begin to pave as soon as the weather clears up.

PROPERTY CLEAN UP: We will have community service people available on November 23rd to help clean up some of the city properties. These properties are located on Seminary St (between Lincoln and 8th) and 720 Jefferson St.

AUTO PARTS APPRAISAL: Mayor Goffinet is waiting for ABR to remove their items from the building before ordering an appraisal. ABR had been using this facility for their haunted house. They should have everything removed from the building soon.

REPORT ON GENTRY BUILDING: Mayor Goffinet mentioned that he is trying to set a date to get access to the Gentry building so that our building inspector, Phil Brown, can look at it. They have a date set for November 13th to get together.

TREE REMOVAL: Someone approached the city regarding the removal of a fallen tree in the city park. He was willing to cut the tree and remove it for the firewood. The board agreed to allow him to do this if he signs a "hold harmless" agreement. Also, we had a request to remove a tree located at 639 Walnut St. The board looked at the tree and felt that this was a healthy tree and we should not remove it at this time.

CONGRESSMAN BUCSHON OFFICE MTGS: Congressman Bucshon's office would like to use the council room at city hall to hold monthly meetings. These meetings will be open to the public for any questions they might have on the federal level.

OLD BUSINESS: Robert Feuerbach reported to the board that the north wall has been removed and he will be working on the foundation in the next couple of days.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Meredith appeared before the board requesting the use of property located at the north sewer treatment plant for a **firing range**. It was suggested that he check with our insurance agent to see what is needed. Robert Lindsey made a motion to allow the police department to use the north plant for a firing range; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Also, he requested the use of some unused funds to be encumbered to allow him to purchase another squad car. He anticipates the cost to be around \$27,000. Robert made a motion to allow the Chief to go to the council to encumber funds for a police car for 2014; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ADJUSTMENTS: Adjustments were made.

ADJOURNMENT: Connie made a motion to adjourn; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.